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Mental Health

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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
                  LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
                  LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
                  COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
                  CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: INCREASED MEDI-CAL NURSING FACILITIES LEVEL B
                  (FORMERLY SNF) RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 - 2002

EXPIRES: Approval and Release of Fiscal Year 2002 - 2003 Rates

REFERENCE: Amends DMH Information Notice No. 99-17

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has updated provider reimbursement rates for Long Term Care providers. These rates are effective for services provided on or after
August 1, 2001. The per diem rate for Nursing Facilities Level B are as follows:

NO. OF BEDS	AREA	RATES
		Effective 8/1/01
1-59	Los Angeles	$ 100.67
1-59	Bay Area *	121.78
1-59	All Others	109.53
60+	Los Angeles	103.32
60+	Bay Area *	131.08
60+	All Others	115.21

* Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Marin.

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The Special Treatment Program (STP) patch will remain at $5.72 per client/per day, but please note that the facility rates listed **do not include** the STP patch. The new Leave of Absence Bed Hold rate is $4.85.

Pursuant to Section 5902(e) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as long as Institutions for Mental Disease facilities have county contracts and retain Nursing Facility - Level B (formerly SNF) licensure and certification, they shall be reimbursed for basic services at the rate established by DHS, in addition to the rate established for STPs.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Alfred Nicholls, Chief, Licensing and Certification at (916) 654-2647 or you may write to him at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Services

cc: STP/IMD Providers
        Public Guardian/Conservators
        California Mental Health Planning Council
        Chief, Technical Assistance and Training